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Product Evaluation Committee Streamlined

The Product Evaluation Committee (PEC) has recently been streamlined and revitalized and now includes representation from the Maintenance Division. The makeup of the new committee is:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Division</i>	<i>Position</i>
Bill Knowles	(RTI)	Chair
Darren Hazlett	(CST)	Member
David Shotorbani	(TRF)	Member
Manny Aguilera	(ELP)	Member
Bob Seyvani	(MNT)	Member
Jo B. Woten	(GSD)	Member

The PEC serves as TxDOT's clearinghouse to coordinate the evaluation of commercially available products for which department specifications do not exist. This evaluation system is a very important function within TxDOT because of the opportunity it provides to bring new products and technologies into the construction and maintenance of our roadways while saving time and money.

The PEC committee reviews information provided to RTI by vendors with new products or technologies (If vendors submit product data to district or division offices, those offices should forward it to the PEC).

The PEC committee assigns the information to the most appropriate DDO for evaluation. The status and final determination of product evaluations is posted on AASHTO's Product Evaluation Listing website, found at <http://apel.transportation.org/>. This site provides a nationwide clearinghouse of information regarding vendor products.

A copy of the vendor's product evaluation form is available at RTI's Crossroads website:
http://crossroads.org/rti/product_evals.htm

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